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Campus hit with blackout

Power outage lasts only 6 mins.

ANDY CHU & NICK VERONIN

STAFF WRITERS

A campuswide blackout hit San Jose State University yesterday afternoon interrupting classes and forcing thousands of students to evacuate buildings and fill campus walkways in wait.

Jeff Richardson, assistant chief engineer for the Facilities Development and Operations Central Plant at SJSU, said he wasn't quite sure why the power went out but said it had something to do with what he described as a "fault transfer on transformer two."

Richardson said a fault is an interruption in distribution of electricity anywhere in the system.

He said that the official time of the power failure was 3:36 p.m.

The power was restored to campus by 3:42 p.m., Richardson said, a little more than six minutes later.

"We're happy with that," Richardson said of the time it took to get the power up and running again.

Gloria Robertson, an information services employee in the Student Union, said evacuating the building was mandatory.

"When the power goes out for several minutes it's a part of our emergency procedures to evacuate the building," Robertson said. "Everyone was really cooperative while evacuating the building."

No one was hurt in the Student Union, Robertson said, but the building needed to be evacuated so people wouldn't be stuck in the elevators or get injured, she said.

Evelyn Hernandez, a senior majoring in art, said she was one of the students that had to evacuate the Student Union.

"I was just waiting for my next class," Hernandez said. "It was dark for several minutes then a lady on the PA said everyone needed to vacate the building."

Hernandez mentioned that the Student Union was not completely dark due to the skylights.

"It was dark, but it wasn't that bad," Hernandez said. "Everyone walked out calmly and actually some people didn't

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Devin Newsome, a freshman with an undeclared major, dives into the pool after jumping off of the high dive.

RAINIER RAMIREZ

STAFF WRITER

Last week's high temperatures forced students to find ways to combat the heat.

Suzy Fernandez, a sophomore majoring in child and adolescent development, said that she prefers to stay inside the Student Union or the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library to avoid the hot weather.

"(Hugh Gills Hall) is hot. I have a 7:30 (a.m.) class,

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Permit process to be revised

Student event spurred decision for change

KIMBERLY LIEN

STAFF WRITER

In response to complaints surrounding a Students for Change event held during Palestine Awareness Week, the Student Union is looking into revising its process for granting student event permits, said Terry Gregory, associate director of the Student Union.

According to Sarah Morris, the president of Students for Change, the group is trying to bring awareness to social injustice all over the world, but its focus has recently been on Palestine.

The event in question involved some members of the group dressed in fatigues and carrying plastic pipes as they enacted what they say a citizen might experience when attempting to pass through a military checkpoint along the West Bank barrier built by Israel, Morris said.

"Because of the nature of what this circumstance involved — some people accusing other people of hate speech —," Gregory said, "we are speaking with our attorney and UPD

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Student's fiction story concerns professor

KEVIN RAND

STAFF WRITER

A professor at San Jose State University no longer conducts his writing class because he said a student's story that fictionalized the killing of a professor, "had created an atmosphere of conflict in the classroom which would make learning difficult."

Mitch Berman, the professor for Writing Fiction, an English course at SJSU, said in an e-mail that the story, which was written before the Virginia Tech University shooting, had "created a great deal of anxiety," and several of his students wrote to him after the shooting, questioning "their own safety in the classroom."

Berman added that "the incident at Virginia Tech has underscored the need to err on the side of caution, and I believe the university well understands that incidents such as the one that happened in this class now need to be taken more seriously."

The story, which was written by a student in the class, is a 17-page fictional narrative about an English student who convinces a vampire lover to kill the student's "unethical, wicked" professor.

Berman said in the e-mail that he asked the class to be moved online if a substitute teacher could not be hired, but students in the class urged the department administration to appoint a substitute lecturer after only a few online classes were held. The department obliged, and a substitute lecturer is handling the remaining classes.

The chair of the English department, Scott Rice, as well as the student who wrote the story

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Google executive to speak at '07 commencement

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SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Omid Kordestani, senior vice president of global sales and development of Google Inc., will be speaking at San Jose State University's 150th commencement ceremony on May 26.

Kordestani, a SJSU alumnus who graduated from the university in 1984 with a B.S. in elec-

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Barbara Conry named interim dean, replaces the late Sagatun-Edwards

DAVID ZUGNONI

STAFF WRITER

Barbara Conry, who acted as dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts since former dean Inger Sagatun-Edwards became ill, was appointed interim dean on May 8 by San Jose State University Provost Carmen Sigler.

According to a memo Sigler sent to the campus community, Conry was unanimously recommended by chairs and directors in CASA, President Don Kassing and the executive committee of the Academic Senate to fill in for Sagatun-Edwards, who died from pancreatic cancer on April 2.

A national search for a permanent dean will commence early in the Fall 2007 semester, according to the memo.

Conry served under Sagatun-Edwards as associate dean during the spring and fall semesters of 2006 and Spring 2007 before taking over in Sagatun-Edwards' absence.

She has been serving as interim chair of the department of hospitality management and interim chair of the department of recreation and leisure studies, but said she will be relieved of those duties, and she cannot release the names of her replacements.

She said it is a privilege to be appointed interim dean.

"I'm honored to serve in this capacity," Conry said. "The administration has been extremely supportive in this interim time."

She said she will do her best to honor Sagatun-Edwards' aims as dean.

"This is a strong college," Conry said, "and I want to make sure that it will remain strong."

She said she will focus on recruiting the "best and brightest" faculty possible and supporting the programs Sagatun-Edwards was behind, such as a program in which students can work with victims of domestic violence.

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Omid Kordestani, senior vice president of Google Inc., will be the 2007 commencement speaker.

EDITORIAL:

Thank you for reading; new features to debut in fall Spartan Daily

Spring semester 2007, the Spartan Daily staff will miss you.

Here at the Spartan Daily we’ve covered the good, the bad and the ugly this semester — everything from the CFA strike to ice cream socials to the massacre at Virginia Tech.

It’s been an amazing experience from the first moment of the new editorial board putting together our first newspaper as a staff to the night of our last paper when we debated the ethical implications of informing the campus of an issue we feel is very important.

We’ve stayed in the newsroom until the wee hours of the morning to cover the Associated Students elections — not only to inform the campus of the name of our new A.S. president, but also to find out if our school would still be called San Jose State University.

We’ve unwittingly ruffled a few feathers along the way. But most of all, we’ve learned better and more effective ways of how to do our jobs as journalists.

Next semester, as always, the new staff of the Spartan Daily will strive to bring you the most informative and in-depth stories possible.

We have big plans for each section of the newspaper.

In our print edition, we will be using graphics in new and different ways, as well as informing readers when to look online for multimedia accompaniments to the stories we cover.

The Spartan Daily will become completely interactive — using our Web site and multimedia in ways we never have before.

We have assembled a team of online editors that have a plan to make the Spartan Daily into a fully interactive media outlet.

This semester, we started a news-in-brief podcast where we broadcasted about three minutes of the most important news stories of the day. Next semester, we will expand that concept with unique online content for each section of the newspaper.

The Web site will include several blogs, one of

which will be devoted to breaking news. With a staff dedicated to the concept, we will ask the SJSU community to contribute news tips to help the Spartan Daily stay on top of the latest in campus news.

We plan to cover important off-campus news issues such as the Iraq War, the campaigns of the ’08 presidential candidates and events at City Hall that will affect the lives of SJSU students.

We will also continue to bring you extensive campus news coverage of issues such as student activism, the search for a new university president and any new developments in the planned renovations of Spartan Stadium and South Campus.

Sports will be closely following the progress of our bowl game-winning football team with game stories, commentaries, podcasts interviews with team members and coaches and live-blogs of home games.

The Arts and Entertainment section will evolve into

a new Student Life section where we plan on covering campus clubs, groups and events. It will also still feature the occasional CD, concert or restaurant review as well as our beloved “Drink of the Week,” but will also add features about campus fashion trends, student profiles and how-to stories.

The Gold Fold, our new once-weekly section, will continue to give you in-depth stories about issues that concern the SJSU community that will be accompanied by extensive multimedia slideshows and podcasts to allow the reader to go even further into the story.

The Spartan Daily is here to inform and to engage the community of San Jose State University in all aspects of campus life.

We look forward to your feedback about new and old features. Comment about stories we write or features we run on our Web site. E-mail letters to the editor at spartandaily@casa.sjsu.edu or drop them off to the newsroom at Dwight Bentel Hall room 209. Call or e-mail us with news tips about issues you would like to read about.

We are your newspaper. See you in the fall.

Editorials are written by the Spartan Daily Editorial Board. This is the final editorial of the semester.

Spartan Daily mailbag

Dear Editor,

I’m writing in response to a few comments made by students in the article “San Jose still the safest city in the U.S.” (5/9/2007).

I think its pretty ignorant to claim that San Jose is unsafe especially when you don’t support that claim. SJPd had their support, and yes, it stated that SJ is a safe city COMPARED to other metropolitan cities.

This evidence does not come from an internal review of crime rates; it comes from an independent source.

I can understand why these students think the SJPd is lying when all they see are the “bad” parts of town. To completely dismiss the evidence that clearly supports a job well done by the police department is unfair.

Where is your evidence? 2,700-plus violent crimes per 100,000 people is pretty good for a police department which is understaffed. “Safe” does not mean “no crime.”

There is crime in every city in the nation, even in unincorporated cities like Los Altos Hills. So does that mean LAH is dangerous? No.

Let me ask you this. If you never saw, herd, or even knew about frequent violent crimes that happen in your own neighborhood, would you say you felt safe living there?

Like DeBey stated, certain parts of the city are safer than others.

Generalizing the whole city based on a few blocks is like saying all apples are spoiled because the one in my hand is spoiled.

Juan Galazzo
Criminal Justice

SPARTA GUIDE

Write letters to the editor and submit Sparta Guide information online. Visit our Web site at www.thespartandaily.com. You may also submit information in writing to DBH 209.

This will be the last Sparta Guide for the semester.
Publication will resume Aug. 23 and normal guidelines apply:

Sparta Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff members. The deadline for entries is noon, three working days before the desired publication date. Space restrictions may require editing of submissions. Entries are printed in the order in which they are received.

Today

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry
The SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry will be holding an “Hour of Power — Rosary Prayer Night,” at 8 p.m. in the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry Center. For more information, contact Kay Polintan at (408) 938-1610.

The Listening Hour Concert Series
Join the School of Music and Dance for “Small Jazz Ensemble” from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building Concert Hall. For more information, contact Joan Stubbe at (408) 924-4673.

YOU WRITE LIKE A GIRL: Who’s most popular? I’ll tell you who

Dear (insert your name here),
Have a great summer! Keep in touch!
Your friend, Lindsay

Does this look familiar? Think back to high school and those last days before summer when you went around with your yearbook and a gel pen, armed and ready for signatures.


LINDSAY BRYANT

With my closing “peace out” and “fare-thee-well” before finals begin and summer on the horizon — I would like to take a little historical walk.

Let us take a tour of the Spring 2007 semester yearbook to remember the good, the bad and the Paris Hilton-caliber news stories of our last four months.

Stealing from my old, dusty yearbooks that now reside behind old stuffed animals and prom dresses, I present the super popular picks of 2007 (so far).

Voting was conducted by a carefully chosen panel of geniuses from across San Jose State University. If you have any discrepancies, disagreements or praises you can call them. Have a great summer!

Most popular: “Going Green” and the tragedy at Virginia Tech University.

- As April 19 erupted with the news of the largest mass murder at a school campus in U.S. history, so did primetime broadcasts, newspaper articles and online information outlets. Our minds were filled to the brim with a rehashing of school shooting similarities and diagnoses by anyone and everyone who was even slightly attune to national news.
- In a close second was the new and sexy “green” lifestyle, capitulated by Al Gore’s ecological documentary and the nation’s growing conversation about global warming. With Prius commercials in our ears and every magazine publishing a “green issue” in front of our eyes, green is “in” and here to stay.

Most likely to succeed: Oprah Winfrey and oil companies.

- All right, so she already has succeeded. But the woman went from border-line poverty to a billionaire all on her own accord; the O deserves a little props from her people down below in middle-class land. And not unlike other members of the American upper class, Oprah has donated back millions to help children in America and those suffering outside of our borders. The American Dream is alive and well.

- As scientists predict this summer to be the warmest ever, oil companies, ahem, our government, will enjoy a spike in gasoline prices as the American driver suffers. Prepare for \$4-a-gallon when considering that trip to Tijuana this summer.

Teachers pet: Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez and New York Times reporter Judith Miller.

- With the Bush administration under a perpetual microscope after Gonzalez’s alleged role in the firing of eight U.S. attorneys, Gonzalez has stuck by his man. Right or wrong, guilty or not, we may not know before Bush takes his final bow next fall, but notwithstanding, our Attorney General refuses to resign. And for staying at Bush’s side, despite the call for his resignation, Gonzalez remains the teacher’s pet. Or the teacher’s pawn.
- For protecting the confidentiality of her sources and serving jail time for that protection, NY Times reporter Judith Miller pledged allegiance to her promise. For her dedication to defying the law and Scooter Libby, Miller paid homage to the ethics of journalism by not revealing her source until permission was given. Confidential sources can become vital to important news stories. Think of the most famous confidential source Deep Throat of the Watergate scandal. Onward with the national shield law to protect reporters from being subpoenaed for information from confidential sources.

Biggest flirt: The United States government about the war in Iraq.

- There is only one winner (loser?) in this run for biggest flirt of Spring 2007. With the timeline of our troops stay in Iraq and abroad, in conjunction with the War on Terror, our Congress and administration have been unable to decipher a plan to pull the troops out. Flirting with the idea of a set date, the President, Democrats and Republicans cannot come to an agreement.

The fact that no decision can be made without a fight may be detrimental to the stay of our service men and women overseas. A wise man once said, “a house divided against itself cannot stand.”

Here is to hoping progress can be made in the battle of Dems versus the GOP. We would all like to see a compromise and one that would be the safest option for the American troops.

Lindsay Bryant is the Spartan Daily sports editor. This is the last appearance of “You Write Like A Girl.”

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Spartan Daily names new executives for fall

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STAFF WRITER

The semester is almost over, but Sara Spivey and Shelby Jones are already excited about the fall.

In August, Spivey, a junior majoring in journalism, will take the reins of the Spartan Daily as executive editor while Jones, a junior majoring in advertising, will ascend to the position of advertising director.

Richard Craig, co-faculty advisor for the Spartan Daily, said Spivey will make a good executive editor.

“She’s very conscientious,” Craig said. “She cares greatly about journalism and the Daily in particular ... I think she’ll do a great job.”

Spivey said she is looking forward to making some changes to the newspaper.

“We’re really excited about trying new things — new features — and breathing new life into a paper that has been around for more than 70 years,” Spivey said.

One of the changes Spivey said she plans to make is to expand the use of multimedia on the Spartan Daily Web site. She said with the help of four online editors, she hopes to add visual slideshows, audio and video to the Web site.

Kyle Hansen, a senior majoring in

journalism and an incoming online editor, said he wants to make the Spartan Daily as “interactive as possible and to make things more fun” by adding blogs and podcasts to the site.

Another change Spivey plans to make in the fall is shifting the focus of the arts and entertainment page from reviews to student life features. The “student life” page will have stories about students, activities and “fun things going on around campus” to show “a slice of campus life.”

Spivey’s “ambitious” vision for the fall semester also includes several special “pull-out sections.” She said she would like to do a back-to-school section that will serve as a reference guide for new students. The section would feature stories about services on campus, places to eat and other keys to “surviving” at SJSU.

Jones, the incoming advertising director, said she is working with Spivey to put the pull-out sections together by figuring out how to price the advertisements for the special inserts.

As advertising director, Jones will be taking on many tasks, which include training the new advertising staff, placing the advertisements on the pages, taking care of paperwork and billing and finding new businesses to advertise with the Daily.



PHOTO BY HANNA THRASHER/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Spartan Daily spring staff. Back row: Kris Anderson, Mitchell Alan Parker, Samie Hartley, Lindsay Bryant and Kevin Rand. Front Row: Josh Weaver, Sara Spivey and Shelby Jones.

Jones, who spent her first semester on the advertising staff this spring, said she has always been drawn to advertising, and she is looking forward to running the advertising team.

Tim Hendrick, the advertising adviser, said Jones was an “outstanding” account executive this semester. He said her diligence and organization skills will help make her a successful advertising director.

Hendrick said Jones was one of the top sales people this semester, bringing several new accounts to the Daily, which is “impressive” for a first-year advertising staff member. He said the experience she gains as advertising director will help her pursue her goals in advertising.

Jones said she agrees that being a member of the Daily advertising staff is a good opportunity because it provides a lot of first-hand experience.

Jones said she will put her Daily experience to good use during her internship this summer with the J. Walter Thompson agency in San Francisco.

While Jones said she could graduate in December, she said she plans on staying at SJSU until May 2008 so that she can spend more time honing her skills at the Daily and taking a more active role at the Spartan Ad Society, the student organization for advertising majors.

Jones said by staying an extra semester, she will be able to participate in a national student competition sponsored by the American Advertising Federation, which is only held in the spring, where different colleges vie to create the best campaign.

She said she hopes her experience as advertising director next semester prepares her for the competition.

“I am very excited,” Jones said. “I’ve definitely enjoyed receiving an education at San Jose State University. I really think it’s prepared me for the real world.”

Together, Jones and Spivey plan to make the most of their time as executives at the Spartan Daily.

“We have the best possible team assembled for next semester,” Spivey said. “We have a lot of experience and there is a lot of talent — even the new people coming on are really talented. I feel really blessed to be working with such a great group of people.”

Google - Nearly 8,000 students to hear Kordestani speak

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trical engineering, will give guidance to an approximate crowd of 5,100 undergraduate students and 2,620 graduate students, according to a press release by the university.

“For SJSU, he will be a great commencement speaker but for my program he won’t.”
-Emma Ruiz, social work graduate

“The search for a commencement speaker generally starts in late summer or early fall of the year before the May ceremony,” said Sylvia Light, director of communications and publication for SJSU in an e-mail. “At San Jose State, it has been the tradi-

tion to have as keynote speaker a distinguished graduate who has maintained a connection with the university.”

According to Light, SJSU commencement speakers do not receive a fee or honorarium. However, the university does pay for any travel expenses the speaker may incur. A dinner hosted by the president is held in the speaker’s honor on the evening before commencement.

Emma Ruiz, a graduate student studying social work, said she has never heard of Kordestani and doesn’t plan on attending the main graduation anyways.

“For SJSU, he will be a great commencement speaker but for my program he won’t,” Ruiz said. “U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Lee would be my choice if I could choose.”

According to Light, the responsibility of choosing the commencement speaker is usually decided by the president’s office. This year the president’s office also consulted the Council of the Deans.

“The Council of the Deans are made up of the deans of the seven

colleges, as well as the dean of the library and the dean of international and extended studies,” Light said.

Kordestani, who was born in Piranshahr, Iran moved to San Jose in 1979 and became one of Google’s first employees when he joined the company in May 1999. According to a press release,

“I’m glad that he is the commencement speaker for this year’s graduation.”
-Avatar Singh, electrical engineering department chair

Kordestani was also named one of Time magazine’s “100 People Who Shape Our World.”

Light said the nomination of Kordestani came forward from the Council of the Deans.

“He is directly responsible for Google’s worldwide revenue generation efforts as well as the day-to-day operations of the compa-

ny’s sales organization,” Light said. “Before that he had a very successful career at Netscape. He has maintained a close relationship with the SJSU College of Engineering, from which he graduated.”

Le Nguyen, a senior majoring in business said she has also never heard of Kordestani but doesn’t think it’s a bad thing.

“I think it might be interesting to hear what he has to say since he’s done so well for himself since graduating from SJSU,” Nguyen said.

Nguyen said that she isn’t sure if she will be attending this year’s graduation but will try since the university will be handing out a special 150th anniversary commemorative coin.

“I’m glad that he is the commencement speaker for this year’s graduation,” said Avtar Singh, department chair of electrical engineering. “The fact that he was an electrical engineering major makes it even better.”

Singh said although he personally does not know Kordestani, he believes that he will be a good speaker even if he was an electrical engineering major.

The graduation ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 26 at the Spartan Stadium from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Conry - Dean will support Sagatun-Edwards’ vision

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She said she is trying to involve as many departments in the program as possible.

She also said SJSU is renewing its relationship with Stanford University, Sagatun-Edwards’ alma mater.

Shirley Reekie, chair of the department of kinesiology, one of the chairs who recommended Conry, said it has been “absolutely wonderful” working with her before and since she became acting dean of the college.

“She’s 100 percent involved in her job,” Reekie said. “She knows what’s going on. She’s up to date. She’s got a very sympathetic ear. She’s very good at listening to people.”

Reekie declined to speculate on whether or not Conry would become a candidate for the permanent position, but said she would welcome the idea.

“I am extremely excited to be continuing to work with her,” she said.

Conry said she needs time working as interim dean to decide whether or not she will go for the permanent position.

Jodi Mercer, support coordinator for the department of kinesiology, said the fact that SJSU officials did not immediately search for a replacement for Sagatun-Edwards “speaks volumes” about Conry’s effectiveness as a dean.

“They didn’t do a search right away, and that’s big,” Mercer said. “If they weren’t happy with her, they could’ve said we’re going to do a national search right now.”

Mercer added that Conry’s accessibility has not changed since her progression from associate dean to acting dean to interim dean.

“She’s a very approachable person,” she said. “She always has the time to help you if you have questions. That hasn’t changed.”

Conry was a professor of kinesiology for more than 30 years and received the President’s Distinguished Service Award for 2001-02.

Look forward to changes to the Spartan Daily in the fall

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Permits- Change will now require an interview process in order to receive student event permit

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(to revise the permit process).”

Gregory said the current procedure for reviewing permit requests involves paperwork to be completed and submitted to the Student Union and University Police Department.

The procedure will likely change to involve an interview with a student organization requesting a permit and an interview with a Student Union representative, which will involve both parties discussing exactly what will take place during the event to be held, Gregory said.

An interview is already a part of the process for requesting use of the Barret Ballroom in the Student Union, Gregory said.

“We’re not interested in censoring anything,” Gregory said. “We just need to know what it is that we’re approving.”

UPD Sgt. John Laws said the department has not heard from anyone in the Student Union administration regarding the Students for Change event in question, and that the group did not violate any policies or procedures.

“If anyone were to tell us they were in violation of their permit,” Laws said, “it would be (the Student Union).”

UPD officers were present during the group’s event on Seventh Street Plaza to ensure safety and security, and never had to step in to stop or interrupt the group, Laws said.

Complaints were made to UPD from faculty because of the nature of the event, Laws said.

“Free speech is free speech,” Laws said.

Currently, for a student organization to receive a permit to hold events on the Seventh Street Plaza, a San Jose State University faculty or staff member must sponsor the event to be held, and signatures must be obtained from surrounding department offices that might be disrupted, according to the Student Union Web site.

Gregory said a permit is re-

“We’re not interested in censoring anything.”
-Terry Gregory, associate director of the Student Union

quired for events in areas such as Seventh Street Plaza, “because it’s outside and has the potential to create a disturbance for surrounding classrooms.”

Rohan Dhamnaskar, a sophomore majoring in computer science, is a student assistant for the Student Involvement office.

“A club on campus (that) wants to hold an event must go through either A.S. or the department director,” Dhamnaskar said.

The only restrictions placed on events held are on the serving of alcohol and food, Dhamnaskar said.

Sarah Morris, the president of Students for Change, said the only thing she was told she could not have for her event, which was held on the Seventh Street Plaza, was

amplified sound.

“Nobody told me what I could or could not do,” Morris said.

Gregory said the description of the event was listed as “display wall/checkpoint,” and there was no detailed description of the event, which was to include a performance.

“At that point (of staging an enactment),” Gregory said, “they were doing something beyond what was approved.”

John Hodgson, of the Student Union’s Event Services, visited the group twice to see what was going on in the plaza during the group’s enactment.

“The first time he came out,” Morris said, “he said that we were being too loud.”

Morris added that Hodgson said the group was allowed to speak in elevated voices.

The second time Hodgson approached the group he was attempting to ask the students to stop their performance, but by that time the enactment was over, Morris said.

“All I’ve heard were positive things,” Morris said.

Morris and Hanny Zaki, a junior majoring in international business and also a member of Students for Change and the Muslim Student Association, say they maintain that they feel they have not violated their permit or any university policies or procedures.

However, Morris said she was told the description she gave for the event could have been made clearer.

“I was told that we should have written ‘dramatization’ on the form,” Morris said.

Cool- Students come up with creative ideas to stay cool during summer school



PHOTO BY BRETT GIFFORD/ SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

Briana Holland, a junior majoring in recreation studies, and Courtney Zaikos, a friend visiting from Canada, play with a ball in the pool on Monday afternoon.

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and it’s always hot. You can just walk into the building and you’ll feel the change,” she said.

She said that she doesn’t really mind the weather.

“I’m a summer baby, so I would rather be in hot weather instead of cold,” Fernandez said.

She added that the recent weather patterns have been weird because it would suddenly become cold and cloudy on some days.

“I like the warm weather,” said Sith Koopthavonerk, a senior majoring in art and design. “I was born in a tropical country so I’m use to it — over here it’s not as humid as it is in Asia.”

During hot temperatures, he said that he likes to go to the mall instead of classes because they have good air conditioning.

Voss said that even though it has been dry, it would not effect how the weather in the summer will be.

He added that he couldn’t give a prediction on how the summer weather could be because it is only possible to accurately forecast the weather for the next seven days.

“We don’t know, it could be a cool summer, it could be a warm summer,” Voss said.

In addition to students, professors also have difficulty in teaching through a hot day.

“After lunch time some students seem sleepy because of the heat,” said Maria Ochoa, a lecturer in the social science department.

She said that some buildings, such as the newly renovated Clark Hall, are comfortable to teach in because they have a really nice air conditioning system. Ochoa added that she also teaches in Dudley Moorhead Hall, which is an older building with no air conditioning, and that it can get really hot on some days.

“It’s really difficult because (Dudley Moorhead Hall) is being painted and fumes come in if we leave the windows open,” Ochoa said.

“It can be oppressive if it gets too hot and you live in a house with no (air conditioning),” said Peter Kistler, a junior in communications studies.

After classes, he said that he has his own special way to beat the summer heat.

“We have an ice machine at home, so we fill the bathtub with ice and just chill,” Kistler said.

He said that he will be taking summer classes and expects it to be really hot. He added that the Student Union can feel stuffy on hot days, and that the library is a really cool place to hang out.

“It seems like summer is getting hotter and hotter each year,” Kistler said, “for about two weeks we are going to be miserable.”

“We have an ice machine at home, so we fill the bathtub with ice and just chill.”
-Peter Kistler,
junior, communication studies

“The Student Union is pretty cool. I’m wearing a sweatshirt right now,” Koopthavonerk said, “the basement level is usually cold.”


Michael Voss, a lecturer in the meteorology department, said that along with the heat, there was not a lot of rainfall in the spring.

“The spring time was certainly much dryer than normal,” he said.

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Correction

On April 26, the Spartan Daily published a story called “Palestine on Campus.” The term “Apartheid Wall” was used in the story and in the subhead without quotation marks, thus giving the impression that the term is widely recognized as fact. The term should have been surrounded by quotes to denote that it is called that by only some people.

English- Professor said that things have changed since the massacre at Va. Tech

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declined to provide any detail regarding this situation.

Gyasi Woods, a senior majoring in advertising, said she is a student in Berman’s class, and that certain quotes from the story match what Berman had said to the student during a classroom critique of one of the student’s stories submitted earlier in the semester.

Although the fictional story never references Berman by name, one of the fictional professor’s quotes reads, “You don’t know jack-s--t about movies if you don’t know Kurosawa.”

Another student in the class, who wished to remain unidentified, said the fictionalized professor’s quote in the story is nearly verbatim to what Berman said to the student during the critique. The student also said other quotes in the story were nearly identical to things Berman said in the classroom.

“He’s blunt, so I guess this (student) in our class took it harshly,” Woods said.

She said she didn’t think the student was a danger to the class or the professor.

“I think (the student) was angry at the teacher,” she said. “(The student) used the story to say something.”

The fictional story contains de-

tails regarding the unusual manner in which a vampire takes its victims’ lives. The student wrote, “Immediate death comes to the creatures or humans whose recent feces were consumed by these vampires.”

The story ends when the vampire reveals, “I killed him,” referring to the fictionalized English professor.

Gyasi said she and the student were still attending the class.

“(The student) is a regular kid. (The student) sits in the front,” she said. “ ... If I felt a danger, then I wouldn’t come to class.”

Adam Goldstein, attorney advocate for the Student Press Law Center in Arlington, Va., said the First Amendment protects the student’s writing of the story as long as the professor did not have a reasonable fear for the safety of his life.

“There is no real connection between writing violence, even first-person violence, and committing acts of violence,” Goldstein said.

Berman said in an e-mail that in his 10 years of teaching, many of his students had written “gory” stories or have satirized or “lampooned (him) in a witty way.”

However, he wrote, “... I’ve never been handed a story that created a character recognizably based on me, and seen any harm

come to that character. The story in question was therefore the most inappropriate story ever submitted to any of my classes.”

Berman said in a telephone interview that he cancelled the class in which the student’s story, along with other students’ stories, were to be discussed. He said he sent an e-mail to his entire class and posted a note on the classroom door notifying cancellation of the day’s class.

Two students, who wished to remain unidentified, and Woods said they felt Berman failed to effectively communicate his cancellation of any classes or his plans regarding the movement of the class online or to be taught by a substitute.

Berman said that some classes following the story were previously cancelled as mentioned on the course syllabus.

“We’d sit in class and nobody knew why class was cancelled,” said one anonymous student. “Everybody assumed it was because of the student’s story.”

The student said the writer of the story apologized to the class for the trouble the story had caused, adding that the writer of the story regretted writing it at all.

Berman said that as the situation stood he did not plan on filing any charges against the student who wrote the story.

Blackout- Glitch may have caused outage

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want to leave.”

Michelle Garcia, a senior majoring in advertising, was working on a final paper when the lights went out.

“I was sitting up on the third floor working on my paper, and then suddenly all the lights went out,” Garcia said. “I quickly started pressing ‘save’ on my computer because I didn’t want to lose my paper.”

Several classes in the Art build-

ing were moved out to the lawn so students could finish work on their laptops.

“We contacted PG&E to find out if there was ... any information that they could lend us,” Richardson said. “They said everything was fine on their line.”

He explained that the campus plant receives electricity from PG&E in addition to producing energy with a natural-gas-powered turbine generator.

Richardson said that the plant does not produce enough electric-

ity to power the campus on its own. He said its main purpose is to provide steam and chilled water to campus.

Nevertheless, Richardson said, a glitch in the plant is enough to cause a campus power outage.

Richardson said he hoped to fix the fault in the transformer by adjusting a part called the resistance temperature detector, which was situated on the transformer itself. He said that while he was making that adjustment the power went out.

High-tech gadgets, video games arrive with summer

CARLOS MILITANTE

STAFF WRITER

School is almost out for summer, and the next heat wave of technology gadgets and video games are ready to empty out the pockets of potential buyers.

Josh Enany, a sales specialist at the Best Buy on Almaden Expressway said the store is in for a busy summer with HDTV prices going down and the June release of Apple’s iPhone.

“The iPhone alone will get the summer craze going,” Enany said. “I’m expecting it to sell out its first couple of weeks and feed the demand for it that much more.”

He also expects that this will be the summer of HD-DVDs and Blu-Ray movies overtaking DVDs since more and more people are buying HDTVs.

“Regular DVDs just don’t look that great on the newer TVs,” Enany said. “With the newer formats, people who bought new HDTVs will be able to get maximum picture quality.”

Kristy Mendoza, a sophomore majoring in psychology, said that she has been excited about the iPhone for the last couple of months.

“I attended Macworld a while back and saw the presentation and I fell in love with it,” Mendoza said. “There are a lot of phones out that can do what the iPhone can, but for some reason the iPhone just looks that much more impressive than the rest.”

Shaheen Abubshait, a game advisor at EB Games, said there are a lot of video games coming out this summer but guessed that EA Sports’ Madden NFL ‘08 would be the hottest game.

According to the EA Sports Web site, last year’s version, Madden NFL ‘07, grossed more than \$100 million and sold over two million copies in its first week.

“Madden is always the must-have game,” Abub-

shait said. “We already have 80 or more on reserve.”

George Laxton, a junior majoring in criminal justice, said that he buys a copy of Madden every year.

“In my opinion it’s the best football game franchise right now,” Laxton said. “The game is just consistently good every year and I can’t wait for this one to come out.”

Abubshait said even though the Nintendo Wii came out last year, it will still be in high demand during this summer.

“Supposedly Nintendo was supposed to step up shipments on the Wii for the summer,” Abubshait said. “We still get calls every day asking if we have them, and when we do they usually just sell out in 30 minutes.”

Cecilia Cappelli, a San Jose resident, said she has been looking for a Wii since Christmas.

“My kids have been nagging me for this thing and it’s frustrating that they’re still sold out everywhere,” Cappelli said. “Stores have been telling me that more are coming every month but I still don’t see any anywhere so I’m kind of losing hope.”

Enany, a sales specialist at Best Buy, said that the summer is just a popular time for technology sales.

“The summer brings in a lot of students who want to be ‘technologically prepared’ for school and stuff,” Enany said. “I’m ready for a whole bunch of customers this summer.”

Top 5 Most Wanted Gadgets

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\$199.99 |
| 3 | Sony Playstation 3 (60GB) — \$599.99 | 4 | Apple iPhone — 8GB \$599.99, 4GB \$499.99 |
| 5 | Microsoft XBOX 360 Elite (120GB) — \$479.99 | | |

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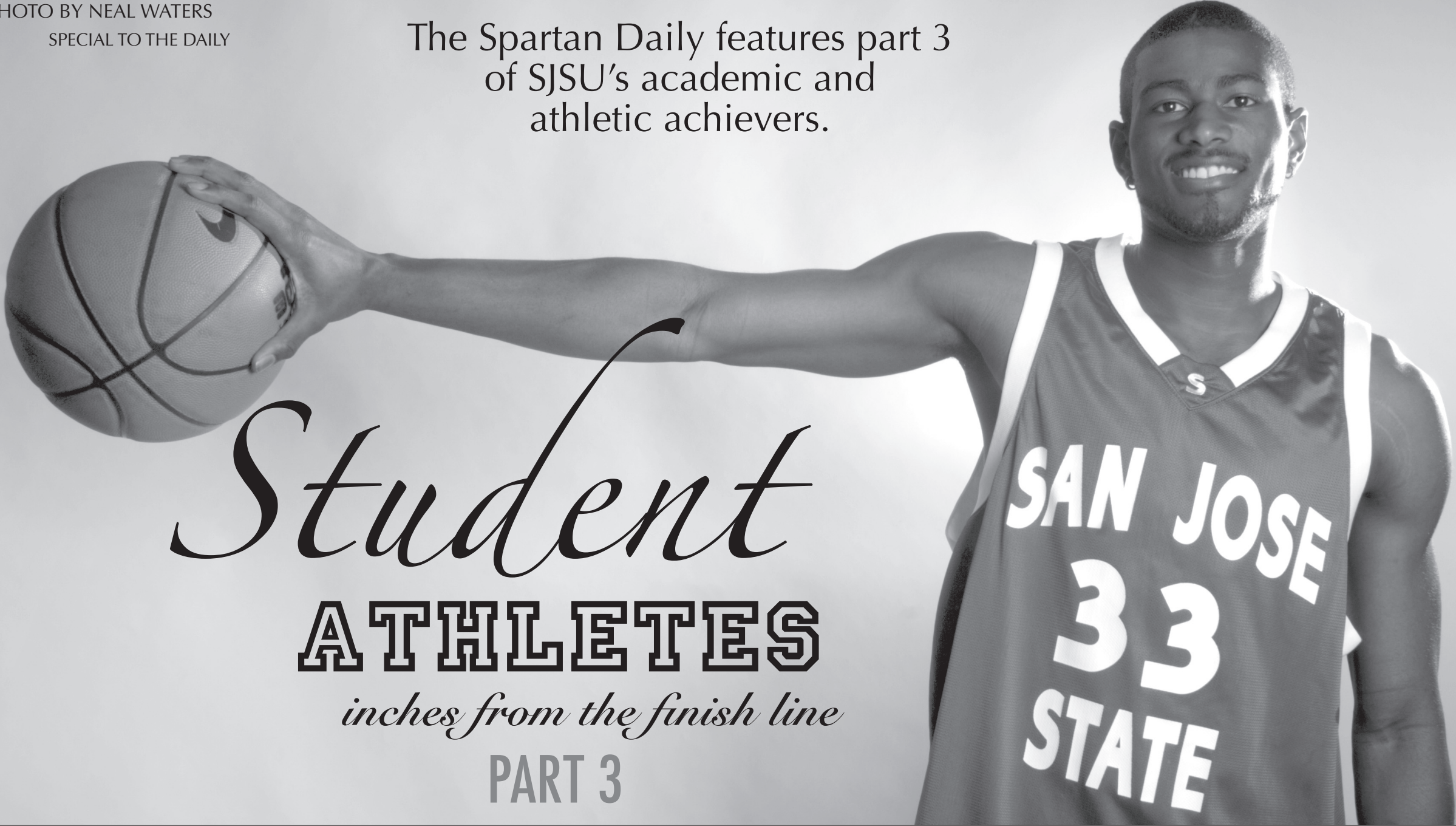


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ATHLETE: JULIAN RICHARDSON

Basketball starter leaves legacy

KEVIN RAND
STAFF WRITER

Point guard Julian Richardson said he could not be happier to have spent his final two years of college at San Jose State University.

That time period not only accounted for the completion of his degree in sociology, but it also bolstered his passion and ability to play basketball. “He played his best basketball those last years,” said SJSU men’s basketball head coach George Nessman. “We’re real happy with the attitude he had here.”

Richardson was not even sure that he would return to the university for his final year after his first season. However, he credits everybody that believed in his decision to return for his senior year for giving him the support he needed. “I learned how to not give up, to be persistent,” Richardson said. “If you really want something, stick with it.” Richardson did, and he said he is now poised to pursue a career in professional basketball. In addition to his on-the-court pursuits, his study of sociology has given him the opportunity to enjoy community service. This fall, he worked with the local YWCA as part of a classroom project to help mentor children. From birth through high school, Richardson resided in Miami, Fla. with his mother and father. He then went to Oklahoma State University where for one year he did not see any playing time.

He decided to go to South Plains Community College in Texas for two years, where he made the all-conference basketball team. Richardson welcomed the change of scenery in San Jose after his stint in the “lone star” state. Coming from outside of California, he said he found great camaraderie with his teammates who were also mostly transplants to San Jose. For the 2005-2006 Western Athletic Conference basketball season, Richardson was second in team assists with 65. This season he led the team in assists in five different games and he led in scoring twice. He said he thanks his family, his teammates and all of his coaches for being by his side while at SJSU. “There’s a quote I heard,” Richardson said. “If you continue to work hard at something, you’ll continue to get results.”

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ATHLETE: BETH HARBERTS

Water polo player plans to teach, coach

KYLE HANSEN
STAFF WRITER

Beth Harberts may be graduating, but she will be back at San Jose State University. “I definitely feel like a Spartan, through and through,” she said. Harberts graduates this month with a degree in kinesiology after spending five years at SJSU. She plans to return next semester to pursue her teaching credential. For the last three years she has been a crucial part of the water polo team, teammates said. “She is fun to play with,” said teammate and roommate Sara

Natalizio. “She is a great team captain. She gets everyone together, pumps everyone up and inspires us.” Natalizio said she and Harberts are “basically like sisters.” “When I first came to school here I did not know anyone,” Natalizio said. “She was very, very welcoming. She took me under her wing and explained everything to me.” Kendra Adama is the other team captain and went to the same high school as Har-

berts. Adama said it was not until after they got to know each other in high school that they realized that they were also third cousins. Adama said that Harberts is a key member of the team and does a lot to make everyone enjoy the game more. “She provides a good leadership role on the team,” Adama said, “and makes the whole thing happen in and out of the pool.” Harberts said that since she has been around the team for five years, she has been around a lot of different players and has helped shape the history of the team.

Next fall, Harberts will return to SJSU to work on her teaching credential. She is currently petitioning the NCAA to allow her to play another year as a graduate student, since she was unable to play two years due to injuries. After she is done with her credentials, Harberts hopes to teach physical education at an elementary school. She said she also hopes to get a masters degree to teach at a junior college and coach water polo there. “She will be a really good P.E. teacher,” Natalizio said. “If I ever have kids, I will make them go to her school.”



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ATHLETE: BERNIE LEWIS

Football senior gains life lessons

CARLA MANCEBO

STAFF WRITER

Some college football players will be drafted to the NFL and others, like Bernie Lewis, a senior majoring in business management, will graduate this spring and pursue diverse aspirations.

“Football has taught me a lot of good life lessons,” Lewis said, “like time management and being resilient; following through, all things that will help me later in life.”

Since transferring from American River College in Sacramento three years ago, Lewis excelled as a wide receiver for San Jose State University’s football team, said teammate Michael Hooper.

“Bernie is a hard worker, he is really intense when he works out,” Hooper said. “He plays at full speed and he has good hands.”

Lewis who hoped for a selection in last week’s NFL draft, said the injuries he suffered this season

left him on bench and out of the light of the draft.

“There were times in the season I was really frustrated,” Lewis said, “every player wants to compete” Lewis said.

“I was just behind some guys that are really good players and that affirmed my skill.”

Lewis said he is happy for his team mates who “got to realize their dreams.”

Not making the draft has not changed his plans to follow his dream after graduation in a career for an arena football team.

“Obviously my biggest dream is to play for the NFL,” Lewis said.

Aware of the obstacles blocking a career in professional football, Lewis said he aims to get a master’s degree in administration or a biological field.

“Football built my character, it tested me” Lewis said. “I see myself doing a lot.”

Former wide receiver coach Keith Williams worked with Lewis since 2004 and said Lewis is end-

lessly trying to improve and is constantly developing skills both on and off the field.

“He is a good student,” Williams said. “He has always put a premium on graduation he has grown physically and mentally since coming to SJSU.”

Williams said Lewis’s maturity and focus has grown, and foresees Lewis becoming a football coach.

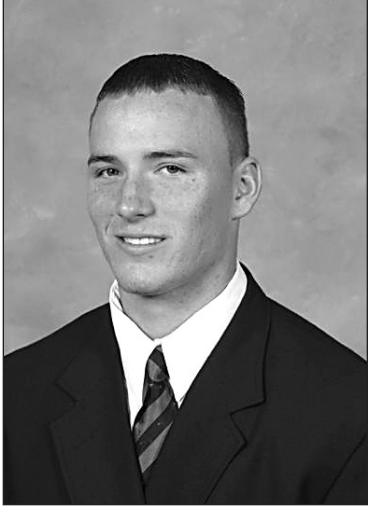


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ATHLETE: TIFFANY HALL

After record-setting season, cross-country runner will return to coach

ANDY CHU

STAFF WRITER

The captain of the San Jose State University women’s cross-country team, Tiffany Hall, concluded her senior season by setting two school records within three weeks.

Hall set the school record for the 3.1 mile race by



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posting a time of 16:58.13 at the Stanford Track and Field Invitational meet back in March of this year.

The Vacaville native was named an all-first-team Western Athletic Conference runner in 2006 and served as captain for the team since the 2005 season.

SJSU women’s cross-country head coach Augie Argabright said it will be hard to replace her.

“We will miss her leadership and influence on the team,” Argabright said. “She has instilled in the team what it takes to be successful at anything.”

Argabright added that her work ethic was what made her a leader on the team.

“She leads by example and she was the hardest worker, that’s why she was the best,” Argabright said. “She’s the kind of individual who will be very successful in anything she does, and she’s every coach’s dream because she was not only the best competitor but the hardest worker.”

Assistant coach Jeff Argabright said that Hall’s ability to juggle school and college level athletics will carry her far in life.

“I wish her all the success in the world,” Argabright said. “She is a very hard worker, and that’s why she’s already successful in what she does.”

He also mentioned her success was due to her selflessness.

“She improved every year because she would help others get better at the same time,” Argabright said. “She put the team before herself and she still succeeded individually.”

Though Hall’s eligibility to compete has concluded the memories and experiences she has gained from being a student athlete will help her transition into the professional world she said.

“I’m a much more organized person now from being a student athlete,” Hall said. “Being on the team really improved my time management to get things done when I needed to.”

Hall will return to the team in the fall as an assistant to help the program take steps forward she said.

“They have the opportunity to do really great things,” Hall said. “I want to do all I can to help the team win a conference title or even send someone to nationals.”

Hall will be graduating with a degree in kinesiology and plans to further her studies in chiropractics or to pursue a graduate degree in business administration.

ATHLETE: COURTNEY KOENIGSFELD

Last swing for tennis player

CARLOS MILITANTE

STAFF WRITER

In her final match, senior Courtney Koenigsfeld played with the competitive spirit that earned her the honor of co-captain of the San Jose State University women’s tennis team.

Although the outcome didn’t go her way, her teammates showed her the profound love and respect that she deserved.

“Courtney was a great leader, player and friend,” said San Jose

was Koenigsfeld’s doubles partner for most of her final season. They posted a record of 10-7 during the 2007 spring season.

“She was the best,” Larijani said. “She was a great player, and I love her so much.”

In her first season with the Spartans, Koenigsfeld impacted the team immediately, being one of two Spartans with a singles record of .500 or better going 11-11 for the 2003-04 season.

In the 2004-05 season, Koenigsfeld and teammate Ashley Tavita were selected for the second-team All-Western Athletic Conference doubles team with a 12-3 record.

She was also an academic All-Western Athletic Conference honoree in the 2005-06 season.

Coach Nguyen touched on a few more of the leadership qualities that Koenigsfeld brought to the team.

“She did more than just play for the team,” Nguyen said. “Courtney was always on-top of things, like making sure that the team knew which uniform to wear or when practice is and what time they should meet.”

According to the San Jose State Spartans Official Athletic Web site, Koenigsfeld wasn’t just an ace on the court. She was equally as impressive academically being a three-

time SJSU “Scholar-Athlete.”

“I’m going to miss playing every day,” Koenigsfeld said. “But most of all I’m going to miss the girls.”

Koenigsfeld is scheduled to graduate this spring, majoring in public relations with a minor in psychology.

She said she has applied for her masters at SJSU for the fall semester.

“I really hope I get into the program,” Koenigsfeld said. “But for now I’ll just continue to be involved with tennis, and I’ll probably just teach tennis during the summer.”



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“I’m going to miss playing every day. But most of all I’m going to miss the girls.”
- Courtney Koenigsfeld, senior tennis player

State University women’s tennis head coach Anh-Dao Nguyen. “I’m really going to miss her and I’m sure she will be difficult to replace.”

Junior teammate Rokie Larijani

Stand-out volleyball player to compete in Europe, will be missed by teammates

ROSSA DONO

STAFF WRITER

The all-time leader with 1,584 digs in three seasons, and the school record of 561 digs in the 2004 season, Jessie Shull hopes to play professional volleyball in Europe.

After four years of competitive volleyball at San Jose State University, Shull hopes to be recruited by a professional club team in Europe after playing against the national

Argentinean team after graduation.

Set with her plans, she says that “if that doesn’t work out, I’ll be ready to start a family, be a mom and be a kindergarten teacher after that.”

Shull moved to San Jose from Downey, Calif. after being recruited on a scholarship to play volleyball as a libero for SJSU. She wanted to play Div. I volleyball and said that the offer given to her was a good one that she had to take, regardless of the fact that she had never been to SJSU.

“I’m a short player,” Shull said, “not a lot of Division I teams wanted me at the time, and the coach here gave me a scholarship and recruited me before I knew anything about the school, it sounded great so I took it.”

Described by her father as “the most perfect daughter any parent could ask for,” Shull comes from an athletic family, who loves to play sports and be active, said her father Jim Shull.

“We brought her up playing all kinds of sports,” Jim Shull said. “We had her in little league playing with boys and she made All-Stars. ... When she was 12 she started playing club volleyball and high school until her and her sister were

recruited and given scholarships by their respective universities.”

Coming from a competitive family, Shull was a leader for her team, said teammate Jennifer Senfleben, a junior majoring in kinesiology.

“She is a leader both on and off the court,” Senfleben said, “she has a really strong personality and everyone looks to her for positive support. ... She has a little fire in her when she plays.

“She’s really competitive and always giving 100 percent and giving her best.”

“She is a leader both on and off the court ... ”
- Jennifer Senfleben, junior volleyball player

After expressing how hard it will be to fill Shull’s place on the team, Senfleben said that Shull is an overall great person, who’s really laid back and extremely funny — jokingly adding that Shull is also a big Giants fan.



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ATHLETE: COREY CABRAL

Baseball player ‘one of the finest leaders’

JOSH WEAVER

STAFF WRITER

Senior right-handed pitcher Corey Cabral is winding up his athletic and academic careers at San Jose State University.

Five years of hard work and dedication will culminate in a couple of weeks, as Cabral will walk off the mound for the final time and across the stage to receive his business degree.

Cabral’s passion for baseball and drive for success are characteristics his mother said he possessed even at a young age.

“When he was younger, we knew he would do well. He was always so serious,” Pam Cabral said.

She recalls her son even at the age of 12 expressing his love for the game.

“The other kids were playing for the snow cone at the end of the game,” she said. “He was playing to win and do well. He enjoyed the mental battle between the pitcher and the batter. He just loved to pitch.”

After graduating from Jesuit High School in Sacramento, Cabral made his way to SJSU and stepped on the mound for his first appearance in a Spartan jersey in 2003 during his freshman season.

“My first game didn’t go well,” Cabral said. “I was kind of naive to Division I competition.”

Despite experiencing some of the toils of a freshman competing at a high level, one of Cabral’s favorite games was a seven-inning performance against the University of Hawaii, propelling his team to victory and avoiding a three-game sweep.



After two successful seasons, Cabral was a 2005 preseason All-WAC selection going into his junior year, a season that was cut short because of an injury.

Arm trouble limited Cabral’s performance the following year and he was faced with the decision of returning to the team for the 2007 season.

“A lot of the young guys wanted me to stay,” Cabral said. “I felt I could be the captain and help a lot of guys out. I didn’t want to play two years and then crap out. I wanted to leave the program in good standing.”

Head coach Sam Piraro spoke very highly of his fifth-year pitcher and said Cabral is the kind of player that a coach values.

“Corey is probably one of the finest leaders we have had in our program in any sport at San Jose State, not just baseball,” Piraro said. “He’s just one of those guys during the course of a career a you hope you get the opportunity to coach. It was a real privilege to have been associated with him.”

Cabral said he will focus on finding a management position during the summer and after he establishes himself and his career, he plans on returning to SJSU to earn his masters in business administration.

ATHLETE: MARCEL BURROUGH

Center wants to help kids, teach

KYLE HANSEN

STAFF WRITER

Marcel Burrough isn’t sure where he will be a year after graduating, but it isn’t going to be San Jose.

Burrough will be going to Kawasaki, Japan this summer to play on the U.S. team in the third annual World Championship of American Football. He then hopes to get in the Peace Corps or some other group that will allow him to travel and work with children in a foreign country.

“It is all part of your life experience,” Burrough said. “Everything you do in your life adds up and creates what you are going to be.”

Burrough said that he hopes spending time in a foreign country will help shape him.

“It is different to actually be there,” he said, “and it makes you appreciate what you have.”

After doing some traveling, Burrough hopes to return to the United States, get a teaching credential and teach elementary school.

Burrough graduates this month with a sociology degree after spending three years at San Jose State University playing football. The offensive guard said that he is probably at the end of his football career, but he is excited about the adventures ahead of him.

Burrough spent time over the last year volunteering at the Sacred Heart Community Service Center



and said he hopes to remain active in similar work helping people.

“He is a good guy,” said roommate and fellow football player Justin Paysinger, who has lived with Burrough for three years. “He is a really dedicated football player, a loyal friend. He is trustworthy and a hard worker.”

Paysinger said that working with kids is a natural fit for Burrough.

“It fits his personality and works really well for him,” he said. “He has a real passion for that and he will do well.”

Burrough’s father Ken said that he is really proud of his son and his accomplishments. He said that the family was not really interested in football until Marcel decided he wanted to play at SJSU.

“We are football fans now because of him and the Spartans,” he said.

“The whole family is extremely proud of him,” Ken said. “The No.1 thing is that he is the first in the family to graduate and get a degree, and the No. 2 thing is that he was able to get a football scholarship on his own without a lot of family support.”

Burrough’s father said that there is a lot more to his son than just the football player that usually gets the attention.

“He is going to come out of San Jose State as a tremendous role model for the youth,” he said. “That is where his passion is. He is going to take everything he has learned on the field and in school and make a contribution to the community.”

SJSU female club wrestler to tryout for Olympic team

QUANG DO

STAFF WRITER

The San Jose State University wrestling club is more than just a bunch of dudes slamming each other — there is a women’s division in the SJSU club sports program.

Robert Redman, head coach of the SJSU women’s wrestling club, said that there are nine competing members and three are SJSU students.

The club has traveled to many competitions and tryouts this year, Redman said, including locations such as Detroit, Portland and the club also practiced at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado.

Redman said that some members saw Canada and that the club’s season started in Arizona, where the women wrestlers began with the Sunkist International competition.

Redman said that the SJSU club sports program allowed students from other colleges to join because the sport is not offered

at the student athlete’s college or university.

Natasha Phinney, a senior majoring in communications at Fresno Pacific University, is a member of the SJSU women’s wrestling club who represented her team at the Women’s Wrestling National Championships, which took place in Las Vegas at the beginning of April.

Phinney, scheduled to transfer to SJSU in spring 2008, said that she placed 6th in the women’s freestyle division at championships.

“I learned a lot,” Phinney said about the

championships where she weighed in at “a little more than a 100 (pounds).”

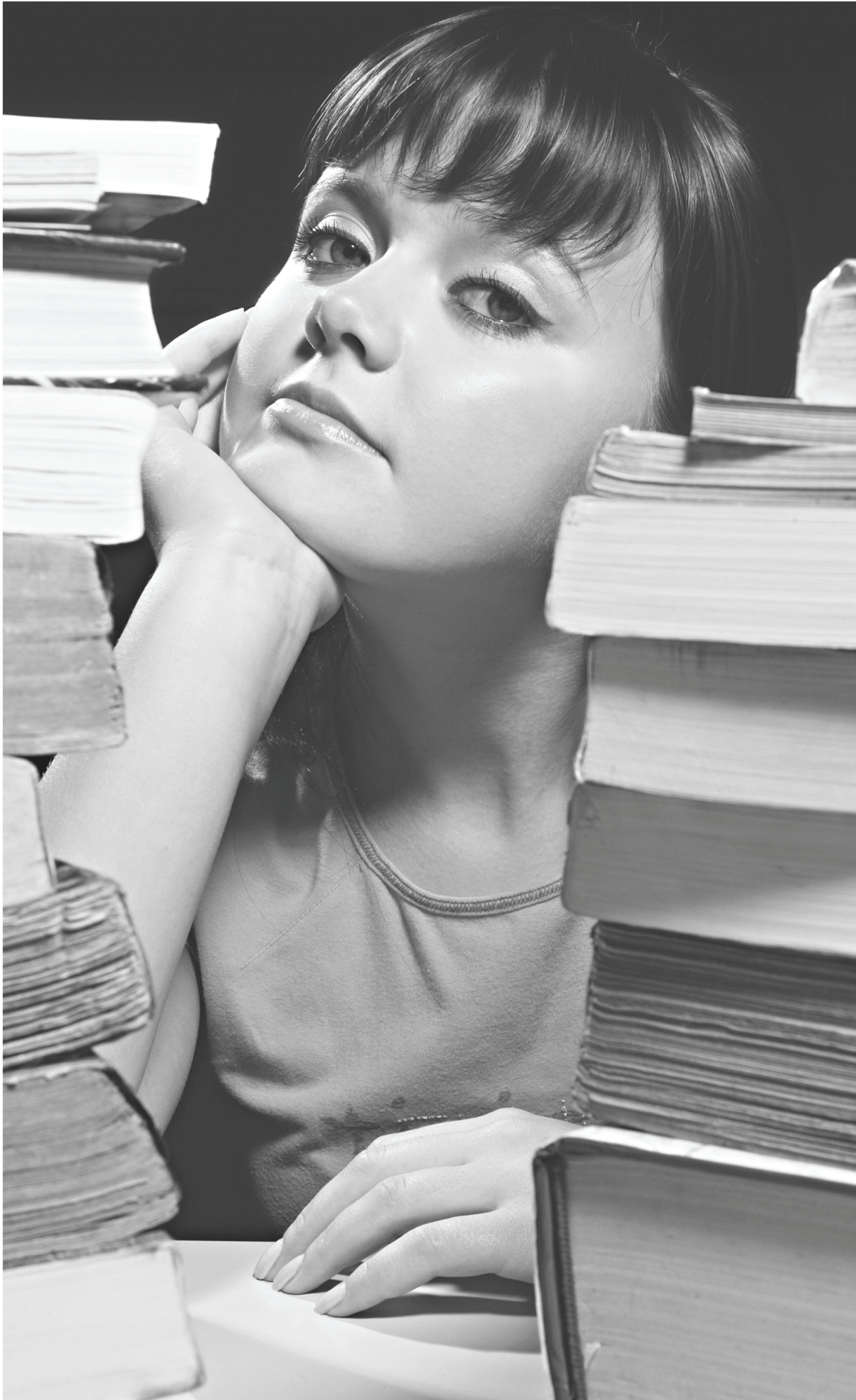
The Las Vegas tournament also had several men’s competition where Coach Redman placed 2nd as a heavyweight in Division C, for competitors under age 56, according to Jim Lucas, head coach of the SJSU men’s wrestling club.

Lucas, an SJSU alumnus and wrestler of the first SJSU conference championship team from 1973, said, “I’m the only one ... at the Veteran’s Nationals Championships

that pinned everybody,” Lucas said about his division.

Redman said that the wrestling season for women ends in June — around the time of the tryouts for the world team of women’s wrestling for the 2008 Summer Olympics, which Phinney is training for.

Phinney, who will come to SJSU to work on her masters degree in business management, said, “I know what I have to do,” referring to her improvement as a female wrestler.



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Film festival comedies outshine dreary show opener

SAMIE HARTLEY

STAFF WRITER

Shaky camera angles and cheesy dialogue didn't stop the Film Production Society's 2007 Film Festival from being a hit.

The \$5 admission was more than worth it to get a glimpse at the work of talented San Jose State University students who have the potential to be the next George Lucas or Steven Spielberg, and I'm not saying that because I was able to get a bag of popcorn for only a dollar. That didn't butter me up in the least.

Fourteen students showed their work for a crowd of nearly 50 people in the University Theatre on Thursday. Luckily, the audience stayed for the whole show despite the poor choice of opening the festival with "Motel Black."

While the film noir directed by Sean Hogan wasn't bad, it wasn't captivating enough to kick off the Film Production Society's first attempt at a film festival.

I'll be honest. I can't truly cri-

tique this film because I spaced out about halfway through.

But I do know this: There were two guys sitting across a table from each other, and they didn't know each other, but they were working together on some kind of mysterious job. As I stared at the screen, I tried to figure out if the short was filmed at Campus Village because the table looked an awful lot like the one in my apartment.

I felt bad for drifting off, but when I looked over at my roommate as the credits rolled, I realized my disappointment with the first film was a shared feeling because she was giving me the "why did you bring me here? I will never get these two hours of my life back" look as she slouched into her seat.

Fortunately, the show picked up with a series of comedies, and if you get anything from this review, you need to remember this name: Rick Queresma.

His film "Laziness," a tale about a man who is too lazy to stop two robbers from stealing everything in his apartment, including his girlfriend and his beloved cat Muffy,

was ridiculously hilarious. He's a triple threat serving as the director, writer and actor, and I hope it pops up on YouTube so I can watch it again.



Comedies seemed to be the highlight of the festival. Lots of laughter was generated by George Flanagan's dark comedy "4th Street Poker," Chris Faulkner's tooth-short giggle fest "Bolt" and Jennifer Corker's kooky farce "Steve's Room."

The show wasn't all fun and games though. There were also two powerful dramatic pieces shown that were purely captivating.

Chris Egusa's "The Other Side," a film about a budding romance shadowed by a haunting

secret, was chilling. Dave Hawkey and Lizzie O' Hara gave the best performances of the evening as the tortured lovers. Their pain oozed through the screen, and you could feel the rage and the intensity of the entire film. It is something that would make a thrilling feature-length film someday.

Akshay Vyas' "Hope," a short about a man grieving for his "dead" girlfriend, was gripping in a "Sixth Sense" kind of way, and while you can probably figure out the ending within a few minutes, Vyas took viewers for a fun ride while tugging at their emotions.

The most under-stated film of the evening was "Paletero Documentary" by Fernando Perez. This documentary about the Popsicle vendors of downtown San Jose was enticing. You hear the bells of the carts, but you never think about the stories of the men who push the carts, and this film shed light on that.

However, Perez was completely robbed of his moment though because the entire film wasn't shown due to a temperamental DVD

player that went on the fritz during his presentation, causing the film to pause and skip. The faulty player was eventually replaced, but the audience was left without a conclusion to Perez's film, which was a bit of a letdown.

The festival closed with "The Gospel According to Joshua" by Brian Dombrowski. It was a great way to end the festival with a film about a stoner who manages to convince his sister that he skipped class to read the Bible when in reality, he was taking hits off the bong that he secretly stores in his copy of the Bible.

I'll be honest. I can't truly critique this film because I spaced out about halfway through.

The clever scenario and witty dialogue got the whole crowd laughing, and as a reviewer, I tried

not to laugh out loud but couldn't help it. It was too funny.

After the 13 scheduled films were shown, there was still time to spare to show one last film before the festival's two-hour show came to a conclusion, so people who stuck around for a few more minutes were treated to "Bullhorn" by Jeremy Inman.

I don't know how Inman's film wasn't placed on the official schedule of films, but I am thankful the organizers had the sense to play this to fill up the last few minutes of their festival. Why couldn't this comedy have kicked off the festival? I mean, come on — a guy who goes everywhere talking through a bullhorn — it's a preposterous and bizarre thought, but it made for a highly amusing film and those who stuck around for this bonus feature got one last power laugh before leaving the theater.

Despite the uninspiring opening film, the festival was a fun experience that should become an annual event because I can't wait to namedrop and say that I saw one of Queresma's films before he became rich and famous.

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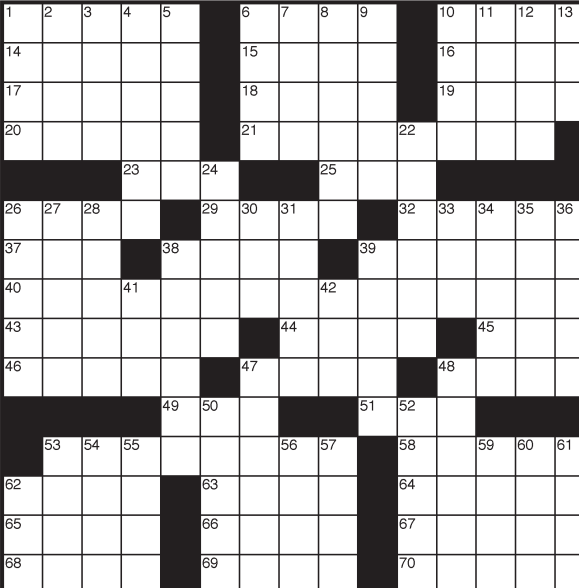
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